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status information (preferably in real time) for that user system whenever the status information for that user system changes. The information may be compiled by server SC module 29 and sent to user SC modules 31 (e.g., at login, when a user status changes). Other mechanisms for status updates of all users may also be used. For example, a system administrator or user may set a desired interval for performing status updates. Further, status of users may be periodically checked by user SC modules 31 only when that information is desired for presenting with a user indicator.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Amended) A system for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one electronic document, the system comprising:

user indicator presentation means for presenting one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target system users;

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communication selection means for providing a status indication of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators and enabling selection of at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

communication means for activating at least one communication mode associated with the presented user indicators.